Carson City April 14 '66

Asa Gray M.D.

Dear Sir

I returned a few days ago from a trip of 3 weeks to the south east and was happy to find your letter of Feb. 24th awaiting me. I was too early in the season to find [illegible] plants of that region far enough advanced for botanical purposes. Old winter still held them in his grasp Consequently my attention was directed almost exclusively to geological observations. I collected 3 or 4 species of plants unknown to me which I will send by mail soon.

In regard to the parcel sent you I wish to explain and apologize for my neglect. It was put up with the expectation of having to pay letter postage on it. The P.M. told me I could send

it as "seeds, cuttings, &c., when I took it to the office. I had it mailed as such, not thinking of the writing that had been enclosed. Of course I sh'd. have put it up properly had I taken a sec. and thought. I trust you had no extra expense if so let me know and I will make all right. In future I will be more careful.

The pamphlet containing account of n. sp. &c. of which you speak has not been rec'd. I am very sorry if it is lost, for I value your favors of that kind very highly.

That "pigmy lupine" No. 20 of last parcel is found in fissures of rocks near summits of hts. in this vicinity — if I remember correctly. I have taken it for a dwarf but being found so regularly of the size sent you and in localities away from other lupines I did not feel certain.

It was Mr. Shelton who promised me specimens and sent to Dr. Torrey. He has rec'd. appt. as "State Mineralogist" of Nevada lately, and is now on a tour of exploration to the south east part of Nevada. He is an Englishman, has a fair knowledge of the Natural Sciences, and withal a pleasant and rather promising young man. His facilities for collecting plants are not good, owing to his attention being taken up with mines and not having apparatus for carrying botanical specimens. I think however I can arrange to have make his position of service in a botanical point of view during the coming season.

I will soon make up another parcel and the "Amygdalus" will be attended to

Ever Yours

C. L. Anderson